

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN AGRICULTURE AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY SECTOR

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Sectors have tremendous potentials to generate employment opportunities ;
- (b) If so, the details of employment generated in these sectors in each State during the Tenth Five Year Plan, period till date ;
- (c) Whether the Government intend to intensify its efforts in this direction during the remaining part of Tenth Plan; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a)to(d): Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Sectors have potentials to generate employment. As per quinquennial survey (55th round survey 1999-2000) of National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) on Employment and Unemployment, estimated number of workers engaged in Agriculture, including allied sector stood at 190.94 millions. According to the same survey the estimated number of workers in the Animal Husbandry Sector stood at 19.37 millions. Tenth Plan envisages generation of 50 million employment opportunities in five years (2002-07). Out of this, there will be 9.47-million employment generation in the Agricultural Sector in the 10th Plan through various schemes in the areas of National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Area (NWDPA), Horticulture, Agri Clinics, Seed Production etc.